

## CURRENT COMMENT

It really doesn't look much as though Russia wanted to fight, or is it because she just can't fight much?

The income of the church of England only has a sum of a little over a million dollars a week.

What has this country been guilty of that God should put it beyond the power of the Republican party to rid the people of another term of Roosevelt?

In the passing of Hanna, Bryan loses the larger portion of his stock in trade for campaign work. Though little is expected in future from Bryan and little has he supplied by him in the past.

We have had our Ash Wednesday. Now for the season of fasting. But the country editor is used to it, the year round. Only the fortunate must come down from their festive perches.

Not a single supporter of Major Vandeman, so far as we have been able to check them up, is showing any signs of regret, and his course so far as Governor seems to meet with the cordial approbation of the general public.

Even at the early stage of the conflict the indications are that about all the nations of the earth will be drawn into the far East war before it is ended. And why not? The prophecies tell us a great world's war must come.

It is amusing to see how jealous a few newspapers in the country are of the popularity gained by W. R. Hearst. Is it possible they would be more inclined toward him if his great papers did not put their own so far in the shade?

While a few big metropolitan papers are still disposed to cry down the advisability of naming W. R. Hearst for President, the country press is for him, and the enthusiasm in his behalf is sweeping old time party fixers off their feet everywhere.

A few poor deluded newspaper men who sold their editorial pages to one Critz, and gave mortgages to his Yakooda manager or some other straw man to secure a farther advance of cash, are now enjoying the pleasure of seeing the mortgages foreclosed.

We should not forget that one of the strongest moves in the interest of the city this spring is to see that every nook and corner is properly cleaned up. Good health is the greatest inducement any community can offer those who are seeking a new location.

There now seems to be nothing for the Republican party to do but sit down and permit Teddy to force his own nomination. The rest will have to be left to the people and the Democrats, provided the latter is able to exercise the wisdom required in such an emergency.

The Vicksburg Herald has been enlarged to a seven column paper, making it equal in size to other big metropolitan papers that enter the state. It has been superior to most of them all the time, editorially and as a newspaper of general interest to the people of Mississippi.

The Russian has always been adept in sneaking around to drive a knife into a unsuspecting foe, as illustrated the other day when three or four of its cruisers surrounded a defenseless merchant ship and sunk it, but when it comes to facing an enemy in the open, that's different.

The finest tribute and most extensive review ever published of an American was that of the late M. A. Hanna in the Cincinnati Enquirer on the morning after his demise, and the Enquirer was not a political running mate of the Senator either. It recognized the gentleman as a man of action, of character, of accomplishment, and in a review of his life's work covered near twenty columns, not a line of which but sparkled with praise and admiration, and was full of interest.

If you are short on garden seed, drop a postal card to your congressman, and let nature take its course. What do you have a congressman for, any way?

President Roosevelt did not accompany the remains of Senator Hanna to Cleveland where the last sad rites to the distinguished leader of the Republican party were observed. Little Teddy.

The Russian officers are finding it necessary to appeal pathetically to their soldiery to get them to stand fire and die for the Czar and their Fatherland. The aggressiveness of the spunky little Japs has thrown consternation and fear to the hearts of the rambling Russians in the ranks.

The report that United States naval officers have been on board the Japanese ships in their fierce attacks upon the Russians at and near Port Arthur, has brought wailing complaints from the Bear. Our unengaged naval attachés surely have the right to board a battleship of a friendly nation in order to witness its work in war. That is merely a matter to be passed upon by the owners of the ships boarded. The Japs didn't seem to need any help.

In the untimely death of Senator Hanna, the rudder of the Republican party was dashed away, and the old hull stands a helpless mass likely to be smashed upon the reef, unless some one of the Hanna stripe, some man big and level headed, steps forward to steer the old ship off the breakers. Except for the hope and confident reliance in the power of Hanna, the accidental President would have had the ship high on the shore of public contempt long since. If left unchecked now, Teddy will make short work of the task, for he will dare a plunge, since the only restraining man at the wheel has fallen overboard. It looks like a stormy sea for the Republican ship.

The best information from the Ohio legislature, which will immediately be called upon to elect a successor to Senator Hanna, indicates the selection of General Charles Dick, for many years congressman from the 10th Ohio district. Ohio has no more able or loyal man today than General Dick, and his election to the senate would not only be a recognition of his ability and untiring services to his nation, but also a handsome tribute to the great man he is to succeed, since he was one of the closest friends and advisors Senator Hanna ever had from the day he first entered political life to the hour of his death. No man in the nation in fact was closer to the Senator than Charles Dick. No Ohio man would make a more appropriate successor to Senator Hanna.

At the meeting of the Grand Commandery at Greenville, Mississippi, on the 16th inst. the following officers were elected: Frank Burkitt, Okolona, grand commander; J. F. Dickson, Natchez, deputy grand commander; De. B. Waddell, Meridian, grand generalissimo; N. G. Augustus, Okolona, grand prelate; Gus G. Babin, Natchez, grand treasurer; Frederick Speed, Vicksburg, grand recorder; George O. Meyers, Jackson, grand captain-general; Noland Steward, Jackson, senior grand warden; George O. Haskin, Brookhaven, junior grand warden; Garland D. Brown, Water Valley, grand standard bearer; J. Brown. S. Brooks, Robinsonville, grand sword bearer; E. E. Clemens, Ocean Springs, grand warden.

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